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1. EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER TRUST FUND PROCEDURE PROPOSED REFTEL FEASIBLE. ON CONTRARY, MACHINATIONS INVOLVED IN CSAV SETTING VALUE ON HOUSING UNDER THEIR CONTROL, TRANSFERRAL THAT AMOUNT FROM CSAV TO EMBASSY, DISBURSAL OF FUNDS BY EMBASSY TO MCKNIGHT AND FINALLY MCKNIGHT RETURN OF THESE FUNDS TO CSAV WOULD APPEAR SUFFICIENTLY COMPLICATED TO VIRTUALLY ASSURE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFUSION WITH NO VALUE RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE.

2. ON BASIS PAST EXPERIENCE WITH CSAV, EMBASSY WOULD REITERATE ITS ADVICE THAT PAYMENT, WHETHER IN CASH OR KIND, BE MADE DIRECTLY BY CSAV TO MCKNIGHT, AS IS CASE WITH ORDINARY NAS-CSAV AGREEMENT SCHOLARS. TO EXTENT THAT MCKNIGHT'S POSITION IN FACT DOES NOT DIFFER IN SIGNIFICANT DETAIL FROM THAT OF NORMAL ACADEMY SCHOLARS, ANY EFFORT ON HIS PART TO CONFORM TO THE EXISTING LOCAL PATTERN WILL BE TO HIS PRACTICAL BENEFIT.

3. EMBASSY IS UNCLEAR AS TO NEED TO THIRD PARTY RECORD. SUCH NEED WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARLY STATED TO JUSTIFY IN CZECH EYES EXCEPTION TO ROUTINE PROCEDURE AND IN EMBASSY EYES DISTINCT POSSIBILITY MALFUNCTION OF ARRANGMENT TO MCKNIGHT'S
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ULTIMATE DISSATISFACTION.

4. CSAV SHOULD SPECIFY ADDRESS OF HOUSING TO BE PROVIDED MCKNIGHT IN ANY WRITTEN EXCHANGE WITH NAS IF USDA/MCKNIGHT SEEK MEANINGFUL PRIOR ASSURANCE QUALITY OR VALUE ACCOMMODATIONS TO BE SUPPLIED. EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND MCKNIGHT SEEK BEST AVAILABLE QUARTERS IN HOTELOVY DUM, PRAGUE.

5. FURTHER, AMOUNT OF SUBSISTENCE PAYMENT COVERING NEEDS OTHER THAN HOUSING SHOULD BE SPECIFIED IN CZECH CROWNS, IF THAT IS INDEED CURRENCY IN WHICH CSAV IS COMMITTED TO PAY MCKNIGHT.

6. WITH THESE TWO DETAILS CONFIRMED IN WRITING BETWEEN AGREEING PARTIES, EMBASSY IS IN POSITION TO INTERVENE ON MCKNIGHT'S BEHALF IN EVENT HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH CZECH IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT. WITHOUT SUCH SPECIFIC WRITTEN AGREEMENT, NO ARRANGEMENT, INCLUDING PROPOSED TRUST FUND, WILL DEPENDABLY PRECLUDE DIFFICULTIES.

7. EMBASSY CAN INFLUENCE CSAV ACTIONS THROUGH REASONABLE APPROACH, BUT CANNOT DEPENDABLY IMPROVE UPON FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF ANY EXISTING AGREEMENT, WHATEVER ITS PROVISIONS. MCKNIGHT SHOULD BE SO APPRISED. CZECHS CAN BE DEPENDED UPON TO FULFILL WHAT THEY INTERPRET AS THEIR COMMITMENT. WORDING NAS PROPOSAL OF MCKNIGHT, AND ALL OTHER NAS SCHOLARS, WOULD HOPEFULLY ALWAYS REFLECT THIS REALITY. PERRY

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